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MAJ. GEN. C. T. MENOHER



A new photograph of Maj. Gen. Charles T. Menoher, new director of the United States air service, who has been decorated with the distinguished service medal for his work as commander of the Rainbow division.

## MAY RELEASE PLAYERS

Head of American League Confers With General March.

Ban Johnson Continues Efforts to Get Baseball Men Out of Army in Time for Spring Training.

Washington, Jan. 23.-Ban Johnson, president of the American reague, called at the war department in connection with his efforts to get baseball players out of the army in time for the spring training and preparation for the coming season. He took with him a list of players and war department officials undertook to locate em for him in order that the clubs cations for discharge.

Mr. Johnson conferred with General March, chief of staff. So far as is known there will be no change in the policy of the department not to issue any special order in favor of baseball players, but to treat them as all other upon their applications for discharge.

Since the league players have their places awaiting them, however, they fall within the class of soldiers commanding officers have been authorized tary efficiency would not be injured by that action

This order of the government will affect the White Sox very little, according to South side officials. Two of the club's ablebodied catchers are in the army in France and have seen some thrilling service on the firing line. They are Joe Jenkins and George Less, Jr. The team is well fortified Schalk, world's greatest receiver, in Chicago, prepared to enter the fray in the fresh season.

The entire Sox team that finished the season in 1918 is out of service and free to enter baseball at the first call.

Chicago Cub officials are particularly interested in the decision of the war department concerning men still in the service abroad. They have only two men over there, but one of these men is worth half dozen star players. He is Pitcher Grover Alexander, who is doing duty with the Three Hundred and Forty-second field artillery on the

All the clubs in the National league will be more or less affected by the ruling of the war department.

#### Protests Hold Down Ticket Tax.

Washington.-Taxes on amusement admissions will not be increased by the war revenue bill. The conferees agreed to rescind their previous decision to increase the rate from 10 to 20 per cent. The new decision followed receipt of petitions bearing thousands of names protesting against the proposed increase. In their agreement the conferees decided to let the present tax of one cent on each 10 cents paid for amusement admissions re main in effect, but to increase the tax on cabaret admissions from 10 to 15 per cent, and also that on club dues from 10 to 15 per cent.

Krupps Gun Plant Working for U. S

Coblenz.-The Krupp plant at Essen began working for the United States Government. The task under taken by the Krupps consists of making parts for 72 incomplete cannon, rejected by the American authorities as part of the war material offered by the Germans under the terms of the armistice.

## NO INCREASE IN AMUSEMENT TAX

Conferees Agree to Rescind Previous Decision to Raise Rate.

### **FINISH INCOME TAX SECTION**

Both Houses of Congress Ratify Important Part of Measure-Table Gives Tax Individuals Will Have to Pay.

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that on club dues from 10 to 50 per The tax of one cent on each ten cents paid for admission applies to theaters, moving pictures, entertainments, baseball grounds, circuses and other

amusements. Receive Deluge of Protests.

The conferees recently determined to make the rate one cent on each dime paid under 30 cents-to exempt cheaper moving picture theaters-and two cents on each ten cents in excess of 30 cents, and thereby brought upon themselves a deluge of protests. Petitions against the increase bearing more than 350,000 names had been received and representatives of the amusement interests had plauned to submit personal protests.

The proposal to let the present tax stand was made by Chaleman Simmons cepted by the house managers by a the members of the council to majority vote, with Representatives Kitchin of North Carolina and Ford- General Weygand, his chief of staff, ney of Michigan favoring the 20 per cent rate.

Conferees on the new two-year war tant measure of the bill has been concluded. The last word has been said except perhaps a few ineffectual protests when the conference report comes

up for ratification in both houses. It may therefore be stated what the to discharge without delay where mill- income tax will be that the American people must pay for the year 1918 and also for the year 1919, and thereafter unless a Republican congress about to come into being should amend the pending law.

On Individual Incomes. On incomes of individuals the tax is

to be as follows:

"For the calendar year 1918, 12 per cent of the amount of the net income behind the plate, however, with Ray in excess of the credits provided in section 216; provided, that in the case of a citizen or resident of the United States the rate upon the first \$4,000 of such amount shall be 6 per cent.

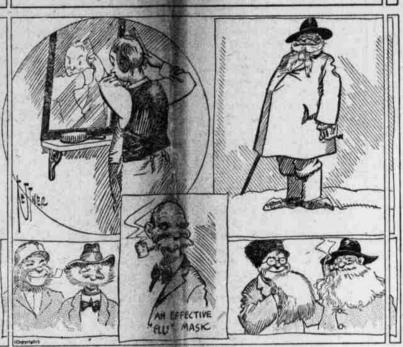
> "For each calendar year thereafter 8 per cent of the amount of the net income in excess of the credits provided in section 216; provided, that in the case of a citizen or resident of the United States the rate upon the first \$4,000 of such amount shall be 4 per cent."

> In addition to the above the surtaxes on large incomes range from 1 per cent on net incomes in excess of \$5,000 and not in excess of \$6,000 to 65 per cent on the income in excess of \$1,000,-

> How It Will Work Out. Under these provisions the income tax to be paid by a married person or head of a family with no dependents, not including exemptions for bonds or taxable dividends, would be as follows for the calendar year 1918 and for the

year 1919.	N Standard			- 11
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8,500		605		42
9,000		680		48
9,500		755		53
10,000		830		58
12,500	********	1,285		85
15,000		1,670		1,2
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Popular Styles in Men's Furs



# RUSSIAN TANGLE

Supreme Council of Peace Conference Discusses Wilson's Plan.

## TO SEND MISSION TO POLAND

President May Name Taft or Root to Take His Place at Confere When He Returns to Washington.

Paris, Jan. 23.-A proposal by dent Wilson regarding the Russian nation was discussed by the sur council of the peace conference. council took up consideration of Polish question and decided to su mission to Poland.

Foch is Called by Peace Mc When the supreme council . when the same resumed his

Foch, the allies' commander in and Rear Admiral Hope, deputy first sea lord of the British admiralty board. It was assumed from the presence of

The council continued the formulation of its concrete proposal on the Russian situation.

W. F. Massey, the premier of New Zealand, was present with the council for a short time.

Three Plans Before Council. Principles of action have been decided upon in the main and virtually all that remains is to reduce the agreement to writing and get final assent to it by the delegates. There was no indication at the opening of the meeting as to which one of the three proposals already considered had been accepted or whether an entirely new plan had been worked out.

The policy of building a wall around bolshevism by encouraging lawful government is being spoken of as being foremost among the possibilities.

Fifth Delegation Question Up. While the peace congress is getting nto action the question of President Wilson's naming a fifth delegate to act on the American mission when he goes home has again arisen and the names of William H. Taft and Elihu Root have been mentioned. Mr. Wilson's decision as to the appointment of another delegate depends wholly upon whether he will consider it necessary to return to Europe after the adjournment of the American congress in March. There is absolutely no question that he feels he must return to America in time to sign bills that have been passed at Washington. He has no thought of signing them here on the theory that the embassy is American

Wilson May Not Return. So far the president has not beer able to determine whether to return to the peace congress, because sufficient headway has not been made to indicate what may be hoped for in the approximately twenty days before his ship sails. He has expressed the hope that it would not be necessary for him to make another voyage across the

Chicago "Cop" Kills Thief. Chicago, Jan. 23. - Patroli Charles Carney of Warren avenue killed a burglar believed to be George Hart. Hart was shot through the heart and through the jugular veln af-

ter he had fired upon the police Nevada Ratifies Dry Bill. Carson City, Nev., Jan. 23,vote of 14 to 1 the state senate r the national prohibition amen The lower house of the Nevada lature ratified the amendment day by a vote of 33 to 3.

## FEDERAL CONTROL OF PACKILG INTERESTS

OPPOSITION VOICED BY ARMOUR TO FEDERAL CONTROL OF ALL PACKING ADJUNCTS.

Prices Based on Cost of Output Urgeo -Inquiry Into Industry Is Assailed Devens. By Witness-U. S. Soon Is To Get Better Meat From South America.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Washington, - Two congressional committees were occupied again in hearing witnesses who were ques tioned concerning evidence brought out at the Federal Trade Commission's meat packing inquiry. The committees have under consideration legislation providing for Government control of the meat-packing industry. J. Ogden Armour, President of the Armour Co.,

House Interstate Commerce Commitserted that Armour & Co. would wel- ria was 4,557. come means to enable live stock prorevenue bill have completed their work those military and naval officers that ducers to market their animals at a on the income tax section of the meas- the Russian situation on the Baltic price based on the cost of production; soldiers are treated and leave it to are. The last revision of that impor- and on the land front was discussed. suggested a central control of live stock shipments as a possible position to a pending bill to empower the Government to take over control of adjuncts of the packing industry,

Before the Senate Agriculture Committee Thomas L. Logan was questioned again as to his activities in Washington for Swift & Co., the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, and other corporations, and his friendship with Joseph P. Tumulty, Edward N. Hurley and other Government officials. The committee also heard several independent packers. Congressmen who questioned Mr. Armour paid especial attention to getting his views on the probable effects of the pending bill. Replying to Representative Snook, of Ohio, Mr. Armour said he thought the bill probably meant ultimate Government ownership of the packing industry, and he agreed with Representative Cooper, of Ohio, that if the bill were constitutional there was no limit as to how far the Government might reach out and invade the realm hitherto occupied by private industry. Representative Dillon, of South Dakota, tried to find out how cattle buyers determine prices. He drew from Mr. Armour admissions that Armour & Company insisted on having an equal division of the cattle offered at markets where there were only two packing plants, such as Ft. Worth and Denver, but the witness said there was no collusion; that the purchases were made on a basis of plant capacity.

"Sincerity" Frees War Objectors. Washington.-Secretary Baker or-

dered the release of 113 conscientious objectors, held at Fort Leavenworth. the remission of the unexecuted portions of their sentences, their "honorable restoration to duty," and immediate discharge from the army. The men released comprise two classes. In one group are 30 men who heretofore Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg. have been recommended by the Board of Inquiry, headed by Judge Julian Mack, for furlough. Group 2 includes those men whom the Board of Inquiry, on re-examination, found to be sincere, and who in its judgment would have been recommended for furlough if they had had opportunity of being examined by it before the court-martial proceedings. Secretary Baker instructed that the discharges granted these conscientions objectors should be written on a lowing remark: "This is a conscientious objector, who has done no military duty whatsoever and who refused to wear the uniform."

## YANKS ARE GIVEN. ROYAL WELCOME

Boston Serenades Heroes Who Arrive on the Troopship Melita.

### MEN SHOWERED WITH GIFTS

Majority Are From the Southwest, and There Are Contingents From Iowa, Ohio and Missouri.

Boston, Jan. 23.-Returning troops and hospital units on the troopship Melita found a real welcome awaiting them when the transport made her way to Commonwealth pler after being anchored in midstream over night.

The 1,600 officers and men aboard were serenaded by bands and harbor whistles and showered with candy and cigarettes. The majority of the soldiers are from the Southwest and there are contingents from Ohio, Iowa and Missouri.

The city steamer Monitor, carrying representatives of the army, navy, state and city, escorted the Melita to the pier.

sending letters and telegrams to home folks and being served with sandwiches, doughnuts, hot coffee and chocolate, the men boarded trains for Camp

Wounded Reach New York. New York, Jan. 23.—The transport Manchuria arrived here from France with the One Hundred and Sixteenth and One Hundred and Seventeenth field artillery, headquarters Fifty-sixth artillery brigade. One Hundred and tions all night and early today, their Sixth ammunition train, headquarters Sixty-second infantry brigade, training cadres from the Thirty-first division, and 966 sick and wounded.

All of these artillery, ammunition and infantry units are of the Thirtyfirst division, comprising men from Georgia, Alabama and Florida. They were at Le Mans, France, shortly after

The wounded and sick are from vatee. He said his salary was \$25,000 rious parts of the country. The toand had never been any higher; as- tal number of troops on the Manchu-The transport Cretic arrived here

from Brest with the Flfty-first artil-

5,000 More Ordered Home. Washington, Jan. 23 .- Additional organizations assigned to early convoy of obtaining this, and renewed his op home comprising 270 officers and 4,927 men were announced by the war de-

> partment. Included in the list are the Fiftyeighth regiment coast artillery, less Third battalion, base hospital No. 15, Ninetieth and One Hundred and Fourth aero squadrons; Thirty-ninth company transportation corps; First and Second casual companies, trans-Nos. 2, 4, and 6; Sevententh and been received by the police at an early Eighteenth balloon companies; One Hundred and Ninth field signal battallion; Four Hundred and Sixty-fourth pontoon train; Four Hundred and Seventh telegraph battalion; base hospital No. 24 and the following tank corps units: Three Hundred and Thirty-second battalion, Three Hundred and Seventy-sixth, Three Hundred and Seventy-seventh, Three Hundred and Seventy-eighth, Three Hundred and gates from 37 good roads associations. Seventy-ninth, Three Hundred and first, Three Hundred and Seventh, ment and salvage companies; Three organization, choosing "The Associat-Hundred and Fourth, Three Hundred ed Highways of America" as the offiand Thirty-fifth, Three Hundred and cial title. Forty-eight bodies, repre-Thirty-sixth and Three Hundred and Thirty seventh battalions; casual companies A, B and C; October automatic replacement draft.

Toilers in Complete Control. Amsterdam.-The city of Bremen virtually is in the hands of the workingmen, according to a dispatch to the Bertin Lokal Anzeiger from the German seaport. The workingmen have occupied the barracks, the town hall, the telephone office and the banks and have posted machine guns in the market place and in public buildings. The soldiers in the barracks were disarmed by the workers. A general strike has been proclaimed at Remscheid as a protest against the killing of Dr. Knet

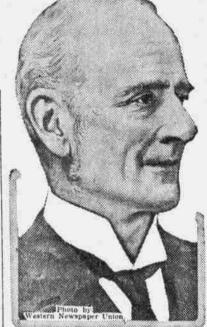
#### BREMEN SEIZED BY WORKERS

Barracks, Town Hall and Banks, in Hands of Workingmen-Machine Guns Ready for Action.

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SIR ROWLAND E. PROTHERO



Sir Rowland E. Prothers, on his reappointment to the British cabinet as secretary of agriculture, has been raised to the peerage.

## POSSES SEEK CONVICTS

After having the opportunity of Auto Squads of Riflemen Search for 16 Criminals.

Prisoners Escaped From Jail at Rock Island, III.-Seven Are Recaptured.

Chicago, Jan. 23 .- Scores of heavily armed detectives, policemen in uniform and deputy sheriffs patrolled all automobile highways leading into Chicago railroad yards and suburban starifles and revolvers ready for instant action. They were expecting a battle with the escaped band of desperate convicts who last night broke jail at Rock Island, Ill., shot a guard, stole three automobiles and set out at high speed in the direction of Chicago.

Police reserves were called out by long distance telephone. Most of the mng are paroled murderers, bank robbers and holdup men from Chicago. Several automobile loads of the most expert rifle shots in the police department were sent out on the roads lead-Ing into Chicago from the west with the expectation of meeting up with the men. Orders had been given to shoot

to kill on sight. It is not believed that all of the remg 16 criminals out of the 23 that escaped, seven being captured, can long remain under cover.

All are known as desperate convicts. They had been paroled from Joliet to Rock Island to work in the federal arsenal there, and had been chosen by the state parole board for exemplary conduct at the Joliet penitentiary.

Other than the capture of seven of the band soon after the jall break was portation corps; cement mill companies made, no further trace of the men had hour today.

#### GOOD ROADS MEN ORGANIZE

Kansas City Conference Results in Permanent Body and Policy-Federal Aid Urged.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 23.-Deleeach of which has a trail of more than Eightleth, Three Hundred and Eighty- 500 miles, touching at least three states, held their first nation-wide con-Three Hundred and Eightenth replace- ference here and perfected permanent senting all states but Massachusetts. had delegates present, but only 37 could at this time meet the qualifications for membership. Resolutions setting forth the purpose of the new league were adopted. "A well defined and connected system of improved highways, in order to expedite the distribution of large volumes of foodstuffs, 50 per cent of which now are wasted on account of the lack of prompt and adequate highway transportation," is one of the greatest ends to be sought, according to the resolu-

It was resolved to urge that the pres ent federal appropriation for aid to the states be continued and increased, and the Bankhead federal aid bill. which would appropriate \$200,000,000 to further good roads, was indersed.

Senator John W. Smith Auto Victim. Baltimore, Md., Jan. 23,-John Walter Smith, senior United States sengtor from Maryland, was knocked down by an automobile as he was leaving the Maryland club. His left shoulder was dislocated and a toe on his right foot broken.

Flu Killed 5,547 in Kansas. Topeka, Kan., Jan. 23.-The three months' invasion of Kansas by the influenza epidemic cost 5,547 lives, says an official statement issued by the state health department.